

SENATE RESOLUTION 113

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize William Guy Justis, Jr.,
on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, William Guy Justis, Jr., is one such estimable person who has served Hawkins County with distinction for ten years as a valuable member of its Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Justis will be taking a much deserved retirement in April of 2009; and

WHEREAS, born in Richmond, Virginia in 1926, William Justis, Jr., moved to Tennessee in 1931, when his family relocated to Bulls Gap; and

WHEREAS, a 1944 graduate of John Marshall High School in Richmond, Virginia, Mr. Justis boldly served with the United States Army for twenty-eight months between 1944 and 1946, immediately after graduating from high school; and

WHEREAS, after his years of astute service with the Army, William Justis, Jr., was joined in holy matrimony to his wife of fifty-eight years, Ima Smith, in 1949; and

WHEREAS, an assiduous scholar, he earned his chemistry degree from Tusculum College in 1953, and went on to teach math and science until 1956; he also served as a member of the Hawkins County Quarterly Court from 1966 until 1970; and

WHEREAS, understanding the importance of education and of building into the young people of his community, Mr. Justis stood as an Administrator of Hawkins County Schools from 1957 until 1988; and

WHEREAS, a community leader beyond the field of education, he also stood as the deeply respected Mayor of Bulls Gap from 1979 until 1981; and

WHEREAS, through hard work and talent, Mr. Justis quickly ascended through the ranks and, in 1988, he was elected to the distinguished position of Superintendent of the Hawkins County School System, a post he held from 1988 until he retired in 1992; and

WHEREAS, widely respected for his apt leadership, William Justis, Jr., became Chief Executive Officer of First Tennessee Community Health Agency in 1992; he retired from this position in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Justis is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Tennessee State Soil Conservation Committee, the Directors of the Rural Health Consortium, and Bulls Gap Lodge #764, of which he is past Master and current Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, he is a Charter member and past Patron of the Bulls Gap Charter #471 order of the Eastern Star, for which organization he currently serves as Treasurer; a Thirty-Third Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Jericho Shrine Temple; and a Charter member and Lifetime member of Rader-McCravy Post 9683 V.F.W; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Mr. Justis began working with the Hawkins County Election Commission, from which he will retire in April of 2009; and

WHEREAS, William Justis, Jr., also contributes his time and numerous talents to the First United Methodist Church of Bulls Gap, of which he has been a member for seventy-one years; he faithfully serves the church as a Sunday school teacher and as Chairman of the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and civic achievements aside, Mr. Justis is grateful for the time he gets to spend with his wife; his two children, William Guy Justis III and Judy Burton; and his five grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, William Justis, Jr., exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Justis has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and recognize William Guy

Justis, Jr., for his outstanding service to the Hawkins County Election Commission, thank him for his many significant contributions to Hawkins County and to this great State, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.